

GOLF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)

2024 CONSOLIDATED PENNANT REGULATIONS

1. Competitions

These regulations relate to the following Pennants competitions:

- a. Men's
- b. Women's
- c. Junior's
- d. Individual and 4BBB Senior Men's
- e. 4BBB Senior Women's

2. Eligibility

2.1 Clubs

All clubs represented in a GolfWA Pennant competition must have either attained Metropolitan Club status with GolfWA or have approval from GolfWA.

2.2 Players

Players may only be selected from Amateur financial playing members of the club they are representing and must possess a normal GA Handicap.

Penalty: Loss of individual match.

3. Club Representation

3.1 A player may play in multiple pennant competitions throughout the year but may only represent one club in the same competition except for junior pennants a player may represent multiple teams for the purpose of ensuring the key objective of participation is fulfilled throughout the season. GolfWA approval is required which can be either verbal or in writing.

Penalty: Loss of individual match.

3.2 It is expected that, where possible, all players remain at the host venue until the completion of all matches and announcement of results.

4. Conditions of Play

4.1 Rules of Golf

All matches are to be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf, the local rules of the host club and the GolfWA generic local rules;

Where a GolfWA representative is not in attendance, host clubs are responsible for any rules queries.

4.2 Code of Conduct

All players are subject to the GolfWA Player Code of Conduct. A full copy of which can be found on the GolfWA website at www.golfwa.org.au

4.3 Team Nomination Forms

Team nomination forms are to be submitted to the host club or GolfWA official (where available) at least 30 minutes prior to the designated start time of their match.

4.4 Player Failing to Report to the Tee

If, after the team nomination form has been submitted, a player fails to report to the tee within five minutes of their starting time then the reserve may take their position.

Note – the reserve must play in that player’s position and will incur the penalty of a player reporting late to the tee – General Penalty ie. Loss of Hole (refer Rule 5.3a).

4.5 Honour for the Day

The honour for the day will be decided by the toss of a coin between the two opposing captains.

4.6 Order of Play

When commencing contest a reverse order of play will apply (eg. Match seven followed by match six etc). *Exception: All Junior Divisions*

During the play of a match players should refer to [Rule 6.4a](#) for information and direction on order of play however note the Exception – Playing Out of Turn by Agreement to Save Time detailed below:

- The player may invite the opponent to play out of turn or may agree to the opponent’s request to play out of turn.
- If the opponent then makes the stroke out of turn, the player has given up the right to cancel the stroke.

NOTE: In all handicap matches that are played in groups of 4 players, to maintain Pace of Play, one of the two matches are requested to putt out and move to the next tee while the second match completes the hole.

4.7 Pace of Play

4.7.1 Individual Matches are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum of 3 hours and 45 minutes (average of 12 and a half minutes per hole).

4.7.2 Individual Matches that are played in groups of 4’s (ie. All Handicap divisions of Men’s and Women’s Pennants) are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum of 4 hours and 21 minutes (average of 14 and a half minutes per hole).

4.7.3 4BBB Matches are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum of 4 hours and 21 minutes (average of 14 and a half minutes per hole).

Where an individual match is all square after the final hole play must continue, from the first hole played, until a result is achieved. *Note – Handicap strokes given recommence.*

Exception - Where the outcome of a contest has already been determined individual matches may be treated as a half.

4.7 Finals

Where an individual match is all square after the final hole play must continue, from the first hole played, until a result is achieved. *Note – Handicap strokes given recommence.*

Exception - Where the outcome of a contest has already been determined individual matches may be treated as a half.

5. Host Club Responsibilities

5.1 Officials and Pennant Managers

Host clubs must provide a *minimum* of one official to be present on the day. Ideally, the club will also provide starters when possible. In addition, **Pennant Managers** must highlight the pace of play to all their participating players and always assist to police the below “Guidance for Pace of Play”.

Host club officials must:

- i) It is imperative that the host club monitors **pace of play** of all competitors and importantly ensures that any players/competitions that are run prior to a PM fixture do not impact the starting time or pace of play of any afternoon pennant fixture.

Guidance for Pace of Play for all Pennant fixtures are as per below:

- **Individual Matches** are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum of 3 hours and 45 minutes (average of 12 and a half minutes per hole).
 - **Individual Matches that are played in groups of 4’s (ie. All Handicap divisions of Men’s and Women’s Pennants)** are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum of 4 hours and 21 minutes (average of 14 and a half minutes per hole).
 - **4BBB Matches** are expected to complete 18 holes in a maximum of 4 hours and 21 minutes (average of 14 and a half minutes per hole).
- ii) Provide their name and contact details to GolfWA no later than 48 hours prior to the competition date.
 - iii) Receive the team sheets at least 30 MINUTES prior to hit off. Retraction or alterations to teams will not be accepted after this. Please ensure there are enough helpers to convey lists to starters. A copy of the combined team sheet is to be provided to each captain prior to the first tee time.
 - iv) Organise starters to supervise the toss of the coin for the honour for each match with the Team Captains at the tee.
 - v) Enter respective teams in the results sheets together with final scores of individual matches via the link provided by GolfWA.
 - vi) Handle rules queries when a GolfWA Official is not present (should clarification be required, in the absence of a GolfWA Official, the host club official should contact GolfWA as soon as possible).
 - vii) Display scores and read out match/contest results following the completion of all matches.
 - viii) Ensure the course is closed for the duration of all matches.
 - ix) Be on duty until the last results are posted.

5.2 Local Rules

GolfWA Generic Pennant Local Rules and Local Rules of the Host Club must be clearly displayed.

5.3 Catering

Provide a minimum of sandwiches/wraps/rolls for each player, caddie and club official:

AM matches Post Round and for PM matches Pre-Round

Exception – Junior Pennants. Host clubs are required to provide food for purchase.

Tea/coffee should be made available where appropriate.

Teams requiring additional catering must contact the host club directly and organise this at their own cost.

5.4 Results

Host clubs are responsible for entering all pennant competition results via the links provided on-line immediately following the conclusion of play.

Exception – Where a GolfWA staff member is present at Junior Pennant matches they will input scores.

Please note that standings tables are not able to be updated until all results have been entered.

Host clubs are required to keep hold of signed results sheets until the end of the pennant season, should Golf WA require them for score clarification.

5.5 Course Presentation

Clubs are required to present their course in the best condition possible. GolfWA reserves the right to inspect courses, and where a course is considered unfit for play the GolfWA will determine the procedure for alternative arrangements.

5.6 Practice

Clubs are not required to provide practice rounds.

Exception – Clubs hosting finals may be required to allow a complementary practice round in the week prior to the final.

5.7 Daily Handicap Look up Charts

Host clubs are requested to advise visiting clubs of the slope rating of the course to be played prior to the fixture. A sufficient number of look up charts should be displayed.

5.8 Code of Conduct – Spectators

Please ensure your team and club members are aware of the following, outlined in GolfWA's Code of Conduct:

Spectators of an activity held by or under the auspices of GolfWA, a member association, an affiliated club or an affiliated special interest group must meet the following requirements in regard to conduct during any such activity or event:

- Respect the performances and efforts of all people.
- Reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.

- Respect the decisions of officials and administrators.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.

6. Count Back Procedure

Definitions

Contest is the fixture between two Member Clubs' teams.

Match is the individual competition between two players.

Team is the players selected by a Member Club to represent it in a Contest.

A Pennant table shall be established by awarding Teams two (2) points for winning a Contest, one (1) point for halving a Contest (where applicable) or no points for losing a Contest.

The higher-placed Team is the one that has the greatest number of Contest Points. Where two or more teams have an equal number of Contest Points, their relative positions on the table shall be decided:

1. Firstly, by the total number of Matches won in all contests;
2. If still equal, then by the total number of Matches won in Contest/s between the tied Teams
3. If still equal, then by the number of Matches won by the player or players who played in the number one position in all contests throughout the season.
4. If still equal, then by the number of Matches won by the player or players who played in the number two position in all contests throughout the season and so on;
5. If still equal, the matter will be referred to the GolfWA for a decision.

7. Claims and Disputes

Claims, disputes or protests must be lodged in writing with GolfWA within two days of the fixture, otherwise the result of the match shall stand. The GolfWA will adjudicate and announce the decision as soon as possible. This decision will be final.

8. Breach of Pennant Regulations

For any breach of the Pennant Regulations for which there is no specific penalty, the GolfWA will consider the nature of the breach and, if deemed necessary apply an appropriate penalty. The decision will be final.

9. Match Index

The host clubs Match Play Index is to be used at all times. Failing the host club having an index specific to Match Play, the generic Golf Australia Match Play Index will be utilised.

10. Motorised Carts

The motorised cart policy applies. A copy of the policy is available on the GolfWA website.

11. Additional Regulations

Regulations unique to each competition are contained in their relevant annex listed below.

- Annex:**
- a. Men's
 - b. Women's
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12. Smoke Free

This is a smoke free event and as such players and caddies are prohibited from smoking during a stipulated round or within the bounds of the clubhouse. (Note: In addition to the more traditional forms of smoking, this policy is also considered to cover vaping and the like, etc.)

The following penalty structure applies for a breach of the above policy:

- First breach: Warning
- Second breach: One-Stroke Penalty
- Third breach: General Penalty
- Fourth breach or any subsequent misconduct: Disqualification

The Committee in charge of the competition will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final.

12. Situations not covered by these Regulations

Any situation not provided for explicitly in these regulations shall be referred to GolfWA for consideration.

- 13.** GolfWA staff and/or GolfWA Rules staff will have the sole management and control of the Pennants with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the conditions.